

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/821,182

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment filed November 16, 2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 4-13, 18-19, 21-24, 28-42, 44-46 and 51-71 (claims 1-3, 14-17, 20, 25-27, 43, 47-50 and 72-87 been canceled).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 01/22/2010
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2824

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The original patent 5,889,694 has more than one reissue application. Please list all the reissue applications by Examiner's Amendment. That is, insert in the first sentence on **Page 1** of the **Specification** as follows:

--Notice: More that one reissue application has been filed for the reissue of patent 5,889,694. The reissue applications are: 09/821,182 (the present application) filed on 3/29/2001, 11/780,220 filed on 7/19/2007, and 11/780,300 filed on 7/19/2007.--

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4-13, 18-19, 21-24, 28-42, 44-46 and 51-71 appear allowable over the prior art of record.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

Waaben et al. (US Pat 3,701,119) teaches a semiconductor memory 10 (Fig. 1) using a control circuit 12 coupled to a digit line 14 to retrieve charge stored in a memory cell 36 (see col. 2, ln. 67-68 bridging to col. 3, ln. 1-17, and col. 3, ln. 53-68 bridging to col. 4, ln. 1-14). Roberts et al. (US Pat 4,608,672) teaches a Schottky diode memory array 20 (Figs. 2 and 3) with address

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decoder 16 having diode 198 connected to address decode line 62 and WL bar 54, which in turn connects to NAND gate 50. NAND gate 50 is a word line driver whose output is connected to word line 58 of memory cell diodes 82, 84 (see Fig. 3).

Both Waaben et al. and Roberts et al. do not teach an electronic array of selectable points comprising means for selecting a conductive means of one plurality of conductive means, and means for biasing the conductive means of the other plurality of conductive means such that each said selectable point present between a conductive means of said biased plurality of conductive means and a conductive means of the other said plurality of conductive means is potentially forward biased; and means for selecting a biased conductive means by electronically disabling conductive means within said biased plurality of conductive means by shifting the voltage of those biased conductive means that are to be disabled, as recited in claim 28. Both Waaben et al. and Roberts et al. also do not teach an information storage circuit comprising a pattern of information-defining nonlinear elements connected to the first and second sets of conductive lines at an overlap region, presence or absence of a nonlinear element connection at a storage location defining a bit state at the location; and address circuitry comprising a first pattern of rectifiers directly connected between the first set of conductive lines and a first set of address signal lines, application of an address to the first set of address signal lines causing the first pattern of rectifiers to disable all but one of the first set of conductive lines, as recited in claim 31.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Andrew Q. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1885. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard T. Elms can be reached on (571) 272-1869. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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